

BROOKE'S PROCLAMATION
It Tells of the Progress That
Has Been Made in Cuba.

IS READ IN THE SENATE.

Senator Hale Declares That the Document Should Arrest the Attention of the Country—Mr. Pettigrew Delivers a Speech on the Philippines. Proceedings in the House.

Washington, Dec. 21.—In the senate Mr. Hale (Maine) has read from the clerk's desk the proclamation issued by General Brooke in Havana on turning over the civil government of Cuba to his successor, Gen. Leonard Wood.

"This proclamation," said he, "must arrest the attention of the senate committee on Cuban affairs and of the country. It is a most remarkable statement of the progress that has been made in Cuba. If General Brooke be right, peace and order practically have been restored on the island and the people will be ready to enter into a government of their own. General Brooke is to be congratulated upon having accomplished a vast work. It is much greater than I had supposed. I see the dawn of the time when the Cuban people will be able to set up a government of their own. Gen. Brooke, having been displaced, will soon come north and when he arrives will receive our congratulations upon his great work." The matter was referred to the committee on relations with Cuba.

Mr. Hawley (Connecticut), chairman of the military affairs committee, drew a sharp speech from Mr. Pettigrew by a motion to reconsider a resolution previously introduced by Mr. Pettigrew and passed directing the secretary of war to forward to the senate the full report of the commission appointed by the president to investigate the conduct of the Spanish war.

Mr. Pettigrew declared that this was a most unusual proceeding and demanded to know whether "it is a part of a studied policy to suppress information."

"Is it," he demanded, "along the lines of the suppression of news from Manila, not because it is not proper news, but because of its possible effect on the people of the country? A day or two ago I asked the adoption of a resolution of inquiry that I deemed perfectly proper. It was laid on the table. Was the action taken because the resolution indicated that officers of the government had recognized the Philippine republic, and that such a recognition had not been made that resolution would have been laid on the table? The fact is, we did recognize the Philippine republic, and it was through the assistance of the Philippine vessels that a Spanish garrison was forced to surrender."

"It now seems that there are many things not to be brought to the attention of the people. My belief is that we ought to have another commission to investigate the conduct of the Spanish war. We might investigate the purchase of army transports for which we paid two or three times what they were offered for to others. Is this policy of the suppression of news and facts to be followed for the purpose of re-electing the present administration? In my opinion it is vastly more important that the people should have all the facts obtainable than that any man or men should be re-elected to office."

Mr. Hawley declined any intention to endeavor to suppress any facts. "The senator from South Dakota does not surprise me," he said, "in his discovery of improper motives in the motion I made. He is the original discoverer of such motives."

Mr. Hawley said he made the motion simply that the matter might be considered by a committee to ascertain the availability of the matter asked for. Nobody who knew him would suppose he was trying to conceal anything and, so far as he was concerned, he was willing that there should be the most rigid inquiry into the conduct of the Spanish war.

Mr. Cockrell (Mo.) believed that the report of the investigation commission, made by the direction of the president, should be communicated to the senate. That would be right and proper.

At his suggestion the resolution was reconsidered, and the request was made of the president, if not incompatible with public interests, to communicate the testimony and report of the commission to the senate.

Mr. Allison (Iowa) thought, too, that the senate ought to have the testimony and report, and said: "I am sure those who made the investigation and the president will have no objection to the publication of the matter."

The resolution as amended by Mr. Cockrell was passed without dissent.

Proceedings in the House

Washington, Dec. 21.—Three-fourths of the seats in the house were empty when Speaker Henderson called that body to order, a majority of the members having already left for the holidays. Mr. Grow (Penn.) and Mr. Brown (Ohio) attempted to obtain recognition after the reading of the journal, but Mr. Payne, the floor leader of the majority, moved an adjournment. The Democrats in a spirit of fun voted against the motion and with the dissenting Republicans defeated it on a rising vote—54 to 79. Mr. Payne demanded the ayes and noes. The vote resulted, ayes 81, noes 103.

Mr. Payne then demanded the "regular order," which was the call of committees. Mr. Grow asked unanimous consent to make a statement in response to some remarks of Mr. Gaines (Tenn.), but Mr. Payne insisted upon his demand.

As soon as the clerk had called "Committee on Elections, No. 1," Mr. Payne again moved to adjourn, but on a rising vote the motion was again defeated. The roll was again called and another defeat recorded. Mr. Payne was subjected to some good-natured chaffing by Mr. Richardson, the minority leader.

Mr. Grow claimed the floor on a question of personal privilege, to correct a statement made by Mr. Gaines (Tenn.) Tuesday, and, in spite of Mr.

Payne's opposition, the speaker said he would hear Mr. Grow for five minutes. Mr. Grow reiterated his contention of several days ago that "coin," from 1862 to 1878, meant gold.

Mr. Gaines replied briefly. The house adjourned until noon, January 3, 1900.

The Senate For Gold.

Washington, Dec. 21.—A canvass of the senate has been made to determine the majority by which the gold standard bill will pass. It seems certain that the vote will be in the proportion of 40 yeas, 37 nays, allowing for pairs. This is a majority of 12. Those counted in the affirmative are:

Aldrich, Allison, Baker, Beveridge, Burrows, Caffery, Cullom, Carter, Deboe, Clark (Wyo.), Davis, Elkins, Fairbanks, Foster, Foraker, Frye, Galigner, Gear, Hale, Hanna, Hansbrough, Hawley, Hoar, Kean, Kyle, Landis, Lodge, McComas, McMillan, McCumber, McBride, Mason, Nelson, Penrose, Perkins, Platt (N. Y.), Platt (Conn.), Prichard, Proctor, Ross, Scott, Sevier, Simon, Spooner, Thurston, Wellington, Warren, Wetmore.—total 49.

Named By the President.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The president has named the following nominations to the senate:

Interior.—To be supervisors of census, Andrew J. White, First district of Kansas; Walker Wildins, Third district of Kentucky.

Postmasters: New York—Albert F. Wood, Ticonderoga, New Jersey; Henry C. Mead, Caldwell.

Navy.—M. S. Elliott, to be passed assistant surgeon; E. Carmody, to be first lieutenant in the marine corps.

Hepburn Johns is Dead.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Hepburn Johns, the dramatic writer and critic of the Chicago Tribune, is dead at his home in this city. He became ill while working at his desk last Saturday. On Sunday his ailment was diagnosed as pneumonia, and he sank steadily in spite of the efforts of several physicians. Mr. Johns was well known in New York, going there when big theatrical productions were being made to review them. His last appearance in New York was on the opening night of "Ben Hur" at the Broadway theatre.

Nova Scotia Coal Mines Sold.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 21.—A despatch from North Sydney, C. B., says that the largest coal mine transaction in the history of the industry in that island has been completed by the closing of the sale of the coal property of the General Mining Association to a syndicate of American and Canadian capitalists. The new owners will establish a steel shipbuilding plant there, and the coal mines are to be operated in connection with the plant. The mines are the oldest in Nova Scotia.

Standard Oil in Tacks

Boston, Dec. 21.—The property of the Atlas Tack corporation has been sold at auction under the terms of the mortgage executed between the Atlas people and the State Street Trust company. The only bid was from K. L. Hamilton, of New York, and the property was knocked down to him for \$200,000. It is understood he acted in behalf of H. J. Rogers, of the Standard Oil company, who holds the bonds of the corporation.

Russia's Surplus For One Year.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The state department has received from the United States consul general at St. Petersburg an abstract of the annual report of the controller of the government council of Russia. According to this report the excess of the receipts over the disbursements in 1898 was \$116,653,159. The total resources of the government treasury are \$312,628,681. The surplus in the treasury is about \$100,000,000.

Robberies at Princeton.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 21.—A bold series of robberies that cost several Princeton students about \$350 occurred Wednesday night. The room of P. P. LeJoutillier, of New York, was entered and \$70 worth of pins and other jewelry taken, and the thieves also got a \$150 watch from the room of Lawrence Benson, of Philadelphia. L. R. Dickinson, of Trenton, lost a gold watch and several diamond pins.

Sunday Shaves Cause War.

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 21.—The bench and the church are at odds about shaving. Reverend Senior holds that shaving is a necessity hence is permissible on Sunday. The clergymen are indignant at the decision and are going to see what the higher courts think of shaving as a Sunday necessity. Meanwhile the anti-Sunday work crusade rages fiercely.

Agitation Over Delagoa Bay.

London, Dec. 21.—There are indications of considerable agitation in the press and on the part of the public against the attitude of the Portuguese government in allowing Delagoa bay to be an open door whereby the Boers are receiving ammunition and recruits. The Globe urges that England ought to assume direct control of Delagoa bay during the war.

Blackford Plead Guilty of Bigamy.

Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 21.—John W. Blackford, the Central railroad detective charged with bigamy in marrying Miss Alice Morgan in Westfield, when it is alleged his first wife, who was a Miss Ulrich of Plainfield, still lived, was arraigned in the Union county court and pleaded guilty. He was remanded to jail. His first wife was in the courthouse.

Klondike Searching Party Lost.

Seattle, Dec. 21.—During the latter part of last August Corporal Shirling of the northwest mounted police and two comrades were sent out from Dawson to search for ill-fated parties on the Edmonton trail. Nothing has been heard from the rescuers and fears are entertained for their safety.

Was Afire on a Bicycle.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 21.—George D. Lloyd, while scorching on his wheel, smelled something burning. Then he felt a pain in his side. Later he discovered that he was afire. Then he stopped. His vest and trousers were burned and his hip was flame-scared. He doesn't know why he ignited.

THEY TELL IT HERE.

Tell it on the Streets of Portsmouth as Elsewhere.

Some things cannot be told too often. Repetition gives them added strength. The same old story is pleasant too.

When it brings happiness to the home. Brings joy to the afflicted.

Tells how burdens can be raised. How the back can be relieved. All the pains and aches removed. Portsmouth people tell this story. Friends and neighbors tell about it. They tell about their kidney ills. How they suffered, how the cure came.

What they think about Dean's Kidney Pills. Here is what a citizen says:

Mr. Thomas Entwistle, city marshal, says:—"I was never troubled very much with my kidneys but I had a very sharp attack of lameness of the back and pain across the loins. At the same time I got Dean's Kidney Pills at Philbrick's Pharmacy I was suffering much distress. It hurt me to make any sudden movement and sharp twinges seized me in the small of the back when rising from a chair. I took but a few doses when I found they were helping me and before I had finished the whole box I was quite free from pain. I have had no trouble since."

For sale by all dealers; price 50 cents. Foster—Milburn (N. Y.), Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name—Dean's—and take no substitute.

SULLIVAN'S TROUBLES.

The Ex-Fighter Says He Is Not Worth a Dollar.

New York, Dec. 21.—John L. Sullivan is broke.

The sturdy ex-champion, who, with his fist, knocked upward of a million dollars out of the pockets of destiny, is unable to pay his small debts now, and accordingly he appears in the City Court in supplementary proceedings.

Sullivan sat defiant, and parried the blows of his small adversaries without much show of science. He never was much at a defense. John, his plan of fighting was to take what came and by a series of rushes to overpower his antagonist by sheer force.

But in this contest the referee was against him. He could not rush his opponent. He was forced to the defensive.

News that Sullivan was on the witness stand quickly got about the building, and in short order he was being watched and listened to by an audience which filled the room.

He was well groomed and wore massive jewelry and a shirt front which was not troubled with dunniness so far as colors went. But he did not look like a prize-fighter. He would have made a much more natural signboard for an Alhambra or a prize butcher.

He still looked tremendously powerful, but slow and beefy. He had a big punch and broad jaws. His hair was well sprinkled with gray, fast becoming white. His large mustache was darker and curled in sporting-man fashion.

Leaning negligently on one elbow and fumbling the gold ox-chain across his vest, John L. told in deep, reverberating bass how poor he is.

"Not a dollar in the world, sir; nothing but my salary as manager of a cat uptown."

The case was begun before Judge Pascal and a jury. The Annheuser-Busch Brewing Company is plaintiff. They were suing John for \$1,600 worth of beer furnished him for the saloon he started at 698 Sixth avenue not long ago. He gave the company his notes, but hasn't made good. A few weeks ago he shut up his saloon and hung his sign up in a more elaborate place on Broadway.

"Them blokes won't bleed me," said the twelve-year champion, before he took the stand.

"They promised me everything, said they'd make me a palace, but it looked more like a morgue. It would give you the blues to look at it. I don't pay \$1,600 for any such junk."

"Were you ever in it?" No. Well, you're lucky. I'm glad I didn't catch the hydrophobia there. The smells would have knocked you down."

POST OFFICE CASHIER SUICIDES

Bad Speculations Caused Him to Take His Own Life.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 21.—Captain L. Schneberger, cashier at the Baltimore post office, has committed suicide by shooting himself in the head at his home in Fremont avenue. An examination of his accounts at the post office has been made under the direction of Postmaster Warfield, and it is said they are perfectly straight. Unfortunate speculations are said to have caused the suicide. Capt. Schneberger was fifty-five years old, married, and the father of five children, most of whom are grown. His wife is also living. Schneberger was an enthusiastic lover of baseball, and was one of the best patrons of the national game in this city.

Erie County May Be Divided.

Pittsford, Dec. 21.—The board of supervisors have by a vote of 25 to 22 adopted a resolution providing "for the division of Erie county and the county property on equitable terms, the new county to be known as Buffalo county, and to include the city of Buffalo to the city line and such other towns as may desire to become part of said new county." The county members of the board fought the resolution. A motion to reconsider the vote was rejected by a vote of 25 to 24.

For Over Fifty Years

Mrs. Winslow's Footing Syrup has been used for children teaching. It softens the gums, alleviates all pains, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea, twenty five cents a bottle.

Ordinary household accidents have

no terrors when there's a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil in the medicine chest. Heals burns, cuts, bruises, sprains. Instant relief.

ROMBLON IS CAPTURED.

Army and Navy Take an Island in the Philippines.

MESSAGE FROM WATSON

American Troops Trying to Intercept a Column of Filipinos at Pamplona. War and Navy Departments Waiting for Particulars—Tributes to General Lawton.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Friends of General Lawton in the army have associated themselves together for the purpose of raising a fund to be turned over to the widow. A general appeal to the people of the country has been issued, signed by four officers of the regular army. The appeal says:

"Major-General Henry W. Lawton, United States Volunteers, whose death occurred at San Mateo, Island of Luzon, on Dec. 19, 1899, has left little but his good name as a legacy to his wife and children. A piece of property purchased by him as a home in California has a mortgage of half the purchase price still outstanding and unliquidated. The undersigned have voluntarily associated themselves together for the purpose of raising funds to pay off the indebtedness. Contributions will be thankfully received by them, and be devoted to the object herein above set forth. The aid of the newspapers of the country is requested."

Contributions will be received by any one of the following: H. C. Corbin, adjutant-general, Washington, J. F. Weston, acting commissary general, Washington; William Ludlow, brigadier-general, Havana, Cuba; William R. Shafter, major-general, San Francisco, Cal.

While the statement issued by these officers announces the purpose of raising funds to liquidate the indebtedness on General Lawton's property in California, it is not intended to limit contributions to that extent, as it is recognized by friends of General Lawton that no better testimonial could be made than by raising a large sum of money for the benefit of his widow and family.

It has been decided to have General Lawton's remains brought to this country on the first transport sailing from Manila, and in accordance with the expressed wish of the dead general's widow the war department has just completed arrangements for this purpose and Cabled General Otis instructions to be followed out in the matter.

Root's Message About Lawton

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Secretary Root has called as follows: War Department, Dec. 20, Oia, Manila:

"I join with the officers and men of the Eighth Army corps in deepest regret over the death of their heroic comrade, Gen. Lawton. I beg you to convey to Mrs. Lawton expression of my sincere sympathy. It was the ideal death of a soldier, as his splendid courage and devotion to duty have met the ideal of a soldier's life."

The sad news will be announced to the army, and due ceremonies of respect for his memory will be directed in general orders. ELIHU ROOT, Secretary of War.

President McKinley has also sent a message to General Otis in which he paid a high tribute to the personal worth of the dead general and assuring him that in the death of Gen. Lawton our nation has lost one of its brightest and bravest soldiers. He also asks to have his deepest sympathy expressed to Mrs. Lawton and her family.

Aguinaldo Again Located.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The following despatch has been received by the secretary of the navy from Rear Admiral Watson, under date of Dec. 20, at Manila:

"Concord, (Commander) Aldley, Pamplona, (Commander) Leigh, 18th inst, with two companies of infantry captured Romblon. John James, seaman, wounded knee, only casualty navy. Newark's battalion landed from Caliao, occupied Pamplona, north coast Luzon, Purwell, (Commander) Wheeler, cooperation with General Young like one service, landing battalion, doing excellent work daily north and west Luzon."

The operations at Pamplona are for the purpose of intercepting a column of Filipinos having Lieut. Gillmore and other American prisoners in custody. This column was making for Pamplona, a port on the north coast of Luzon, west of Apari, the navy's northern base of operations. General Young reported a few days ago that he had heard that the American prisoners had been released. The war department and the navy department are anxiously waiting for particulars on that subject.

Scouts in advance of the United States forces in northern Luzon report that Aguinaldo has been definitely located. He is said to have joined the Filipino forces at Marigotto.

Lawton's Body Taken to Manila

Manila, Dec. 21.—The body of Major-General Lawton, who was killed while leading his troops at San Mateo, has been brought to this city. It has been interred temporarily at El Paso cemetery, but arrangements will be made as soon as possible to have it forwarded to the United States. It is the desire of Mrs. Lawton to have the body rest in Arlington cemetery.

Prisoner Demolished the Windows.

Toledo, O., Dec. 21.—Charles Bender, a young man, while being examined in probate court here, broke away from the guards with handcuffs and demolished all the windows in the courtroom, cutting himself probably fatally. He was committed to the asylum.

Mrs. Louis F. Payn Dead.

Albany, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Louis F. Payn, wife of State Superintendent of Insurance Payn, is dead at her home in Chatham. She had been ill for over a year.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

For Thursday and Friday, variable winds, mostly fresh westerly.

TALKS FOR A CITY CREMATORY.

Dr. Doty's Plan Meets With Approval of the Governor.

Albany, Dec. 21.—At the outcome of legislation to be enacted this winter it is probable that New York city within a year will have a huge crematory for the disposal of its ashes and garbage. Dr. Alvah H. Doty, health officer of the port of New York, has called on Gov. Roosevelt by appointment and talked over the barren island situation. In his opinion matters there have not improved at all over a year ago, and he does not see how the system in vogue can be rid of its offensive and unsanitary conditions as long as the business is run to make money.

Gov. Roosevelt apparently is much of the same view as Dr. Doty that New York city will have to own a crematory in order to solve satisfactorily the existing problem of how best to make way with the city's waste.

Dr. Doty visited Europe this year and inspected crematories in many continental cities. That in operation in Hamburg, Germany, impressed him as well suited to New York's needs. He says, however, that it will cost the city to run it, as the revenue to be derived from that source will not meet expenses. The adoption of the crematory system, moreover, will require a more frequent collection of ashes and garbage throughout the city than is now the rule. Dr. Doty will lay before Gov. Roosevelt full details about the various crematory systems now in successful operation.

MRS. SANDERSON ON THE STAND

Makes General Denial to Charges of Killing her Husband.

Marshall, Mich., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Sanderson has had a chance to reply to the allegations of her servant, Marie Robertson, that she had killed her old husband by feeding him ground glass in his oatmeal. She denied feeding the glass and testified that she did not know there was a spice mill around the place. She did not serve or prepare his meals, as that was the servant's business.

Mrs. Sanderson denied entertaining male visitors in her room late at night when her husband was sick as well as before his illness.

Prosecutor Clark then cross-examined Mrs. Sanderson. He implied that her past record was bad. Mrs. Sanderson testified that after the sale of her property she went to visit her sisters in Chicago. Prosecutor Clark implied that she went to Denver, returning only on the advice of her lawyer, and that on her return trip she scraped acquaintance with a Pullman car conductor and they drank together. She denied the whole story.

Pottery Makers to Unite.

East Liverpool, Ohio, Dec. 21.—The first steps looking toward a union of English and American pottery manufacturers have just been taken at the meeting of the Western Pottery Association in this city. The president of the National Manufacturers' Association, Charles W. Franzheim of the Wheeling Pottery company, presented a proposition he had just received from Trenton manufacturers to consent to the proposed revision of the price list on crockery provided there is an iron-clad agreement to it on the part of the western manufacturers. The English manufacturers are willing to revise their prices, contingent upon the American potters taking a similar step.

Cuba Welcomes General Wood.

Havana, Dec. 21.—Major General Leonard Wood, the new governor general of Cuba, has arrived here on the steamer Mexico, which left New York for this port on December 16. The steamer was gayly decorated with flags. From Cabanas Fortress a major general's salute of thirteen guns was fired and the Cuban forces of the Punta fired a governor general's salute of twenty-one guns by the explosion of petards. General Wood was affected deeply upon hearing of the death of General Lawton, and was unable to converse for several minutes.

Huge Schooner to Be Built.

Camden, Me., Dec. 21.—New York parties have placed an order with a shipbuilding firm here for a six-masted schooner which will be used as a coal carrier, and it will be the largest vessel afloat in this trade. The schooner will be 345 feet on top and 300 feet keel. Her beam will be 37 feet, length between 75 feet, lower masts 118 feet, top masts 38 feet. The vessel will have electric lights and will have a telephone from the aft-house to the fore-castle and engine house. She will cost \$120,000 and will be launched on July 4, 1900.

Chester Hotel Proprietor Stricken.

Chester, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Timothy McGrath, proprietor and owner of the McGrath House, has been stricken with paralysis in his room, and is in a critical condition. He had fallen while dressing, and the noise of the fall led to the discovery of his plight. He was found lying on the floor unconscious. Mr. McGrath is seventy years old, is one of the oldest inhabitants of Chester, and is considered wealthy.

Dr. Purves to Preach in New York.

New York, Dec. 21.—By the unanimous vote of the congregation of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church the Rev. Dr. George T. Purves of Princeton Theological Seminary has been called to the pulpit made famous by Dr. John Hall. There is little doubt that he will accept the call. The salary is \$12,000 per year.

Big Cement Elevator For Duluth.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 21.—C. F. Haglin of Minneapolis has obtained a contract from the Peavey Elevator company to build a cement grain elevator of 3,750,000 bushels capacity in this city on Rice's Point. It will be the biggest grain storage elevator in the world, and the only cement elevator in the United States. Work will begin at once.

Pool Selling Illegal.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 21.—The anti-pool law here stands. It is unlawful to make a book or sell pools on horse races in Alabama. The supreme court of Alabama has decided that the anti-pool selling law passed by the legislature in February, 1897, is valid and must be enforced.

HIS GUNS TO BE RESCUED

Those Abandoned by Buller May Be Safe.

GEN. FRENCH RETREATS.

The Force Was Insufficient, But the Boers Did Not Follow Up Their Advantage—Boers Said to Be Ready to Entertain Proposition for Settlement of Difficulties.

London, Dec. 21.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: "The Boer governments have recently intimated to their agents in Europe their readiness to be moderate in regard to peace conditions."

The chief anxiety of the burghers is as to the question of receiving supplies by way of Lorenzo Marquez."

The Boers Advanced

London, Dec. 21.—The War Office reports to-day that General French reconnoitered northward of Arundel Monday, December 18. After shelling Jansfontein farm, three miles eastward of the Boer position, the New Zealanders advanced and occupied the farm. The Boer guns then opened and the Boers advanced to attack, so General French ordered a retirement.

It still seems doubtful whether the guns that General Buller abandoned at Colenso are in the possession of the Boers. According to a despatch to the Associated Press from Durban, sent out on the evening of the battle, and which has just been received here, the guns remained where they were left by the British troops, and were covered by the heavy guns of General Buller's Laing, occupying an entrenched position.

The despatch adds that the Boers have thus far not attempted to cross the river and carry off the guns, while under the Associated Press from Pretoria under the same date say that an official Boer despatch reports that two guns, thirteen wagons and a quantity of ammunition were captured, besides 208 prisoners. A special despatch from Durban, Natal, dated Saturday, December 6, says it is rumored General Buller called for volunteers to recover the abandoned guns and that a party issued from the camp after midnight and brought in the guns, which were unharmed.

Further accounts of the Tugela River battle emphasize the ignorance of the British intelligence department in regard to the disposition of the Boer forces. The British were not aware that the Boers were entrenched along a series of low-lying hills, immediately northward of Colenso bridge, until a staggering fire compelled them to retire when the attack seemed about to succeed. The Boers also were in greater strength than anticipated. It becomes clear also that the British guns were lost in attempting to get within effective range of the Boer artillery, showing the latter outwitted the British ordnance, which, in spite of numerical superiority, was wholly inadequate to reply to the long range Boer guns. The British War Office comes in for scathing denunciation from the Times, to-day, for not providing effective artillery. It is pointed out, in this connection, that the longer ranged naval guns participating in the same attack escaped.

Trapped to Death by an Elephant

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 21.—While at work in the winter quarters of the Sells Brothers' circus here, Patrick Meagher, chief elephant trainer of the show, was attacked by one of the beasts. Meagher attempted to defend himself, but he was dashed to the ground and gored and trampled upon. Before assistance could be rendered he was frightfully mangled. Life was extinct when the attendants rescued the trainer's body.

Pardoned By the President.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The president has granted a full pardon to James H. Bacon, who was convicted in 1896 and sentenced to imprisonment for six years in the Utah penitentiary for making a false report to the controller of the currency of the condition of the National Bank of Salt Lake, Utah, of which he was president.

Lakeside Hotel Burned.

Saratoga, N. Y., Dec. 21.—The Lakeside hotel, at Blue Mountain lake, Hamilton county, has been destroyed by fire. There were several narrow escapes. The hotel was a popular resort for New Yorkers and was owned and conducted by D. L. Cunningham.

Gompers is Re-Elected.

Detroit, Dec. 21.—Samuel Gompers has been unanimously re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor, Louisville, Ky., was selected as the place of the next convention. The candidates were Cleveland, Columbus, Scranton, Salt Lake City, Galveston, Bay City, and Louisville.

Chesapeake Is All Right.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The training ship Chesapeake, the first sailing vessel built for the navy in more than forty years, has just completed a most successful trial trip. The trial took place in what are known as President's roads, off Boston harbor, in Massachusetts

MAN'S TORTURE HORRORS

Terrible Suffering of Political Prisoners in Catalonia.

CRUELTY OF CRUELTY.

Use of Hot Irons, Gags, and Other Instruments to Induce Confession.

Time Dungeons That Have Been the Scenes of Torture for Centuries—The Opening of Seven Chambers Used as Places of Punishment—A Parliamentary Inquiry.

The Spanish Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry appointed to gather evidence against the perpetrators of the unspeakable crimes of Mont-juich, Barcelona's Bastille, has finished its report and presented its report, after years after the opening of the torture chambers in the Morro de San Joan.

The revelations of barbarity are ascending. The torture chambers were located in the casemates of the old fortress; they were, apparently, old-time dungeons, and, to judge their furnishings, may have been scenes of horrors before. There were worm-eaten benches with trimmings.



(Perpetual motion torture.)

Use of iron rings and neck bands to produce their real character, and old-time apparatus for beating and other awe-inspiring tortures.

The victims were first made nearly as with hunger. They had nothing to eat for three times 24 hours. The beef tea poured into them, and their torture might be prolonged. It wouldn't do to starve them, though. Dead people can't confess. So, after re-animating them with food for keeping them with life for another day, they were given all they wanted to eat in the shape of salt fish, nothing but salt fish. Or, if that, they were given salt fish. Or, if that, the prisoners asked for it, a can of pure alcohol was fed into their cells.

Saw dozens of comrades succumb to this devilish device," said one of the prisoners interviewed, "yet I withers held out against it and saved my life, such as it is. Even when the water showed me a bucket of beautiful clear water, promising to let me flow in it I admitted my guilt or a false witness against others, even I asserted my innocence.

But this firmness cost us dearly. I had been tortured, starved, deprived of water for long periods. The body became covered in cold, sticky perspiration. The hands and feet were numb as if the hell was gnawing at them. The nose, mouth and gums were reeking in a sickly slime, and our eyes were filled with sand.

As ex-prisoner of Montjuich, now in London, says he drank the water on which the oil in his lamp was floating. For that he received 30 blows with the cow-hide up all parts of his body. Portas, the prisoner, was standing by, and when the guards let up from sheer exhaustion he said:

Wash the blood from his face and rid him of his pain. Perhaps he feels a little in the mood to confess." As my face was rubbed with water, I opened my parched lips to suck the drops of water, blood and dirt shed down," says the man in London, "and I thought I never felt anything more beautiful in my life." "So day," said another of the victims, "word was passed around that the water might be obtained from dampness in the walls. After that I leaned over the wall and drank the water from the wall. In the hope of getting a mouthful of life-sustaining fluid.

The above cruelties, failing to produce the desired end, Portas fell back on the old method of torture. He had a great number of old frames with movable boards in holes in them constructed. In the ends the limbs of prisoners were secured and then sharp toothpicks were driven under their toe and finger nails, inducing most excruciating pains. This torture cost at least 20 of the now dead Spaniards the use of their feet. The pieces of wood sticking in the sh produced corrosive ulcers, made the nails drop off and sent the finger tips into gangrene.

Another grade of torture was like an old time punishment. The prisoner, being denuded of his clothes, was bound with ropes. A couple of gendarmes took hold of the prisoner and dragged the victim over a cobble stones on his naked back, while the chief torturer commanded him to confess. This torture was often continued for an hour and was intensified by nails, pieces of glass and lumps of lead thrown onto the ground over the bleeding body was to pass, and then called this "la trilla," raking or harrowing, and was quite successful with it.

Montjuich prisoner, exhibited his back which was a mass of deep-furrowed scars. "After the most useful whippings, that laid the flesh open," he says, "Portas had our bleeding backs and limbs scoured with hot irons, and if we refused to bring on confessions, he thrust the red irons into our quivering bodies, swearing he would do even worse unless we obeyed."

The man who gave this testimony is not even a shadow of his former self. He looks 70, is thin, broken in spirit, and drags himself along with the aid of crutches. He trembles when spoken to, his toes and finger tips are gone; he is a wreck, physically and mentally. Portas had his nose slit, and he tried to beat his brains out against the wall of his cell. "Suicide is a great sin," preached the chief torturer, as he inflicted the punishment with his own hands.

Other fire tortures were applied to the feet, the latter being secured in the same manner as during the nail torture. That done Portas had the soles of his feet rubbed with fat and then placed on a red-hot brazier near by causing the feet to broil slowly. If, after a time, the tortured man or woman promised to confess, a piece of wood was inserted between the feet and the pain of coals, but this was withdrawn the moment the victim hinted at retraction.

When tortured the prisoners were severely gagged, a cylindrical piece of wood being thrust into their mouth, the wood was secured at the back of the head and a dog chain was attached to it in front. By this chain the victim could be pulled about like a bull with a ring through his nose. Every once in awhile the jailers removed the gag in order to let the other prisoners know how much their comrade was suffering and to frighten them.

Thumbscrews were used by Portas and his men even on persons who had already confessed all they knew or had told all they could invent. They were very large affairs, capable of taking in all the fingers of a hand or the whole foot. So mercilessly and indiscriminately were they applied as to destroy the capacity for manual labor in most of the victims.

Portas's last trump for securing confessions was the torture helmet. As far as could be ascertained five men survived the torture, but four of them have since gone insane, among them Frederick Molas, the wayward son of a rich Barcelona family. The last sufferer of these martyrs lives in Switzerland now. He describes the helmet and the mode of torture as follows:

"After the gendarmes had bound the prisoner to a chair Portas placed a metal tube into his mouth to prevent him from choking. Then the iron helmet was placed upon his head. This helmet was in several parts, all of which could be tightened by screws. Slowly, slowly the iron bands, furnished with hooks and sharp points on the inside, compressed the victim's temples. Next it bore down upon the top of his head; next it clutched his cheek bones and tore his gums."

The people of Barcelona said that Montjuich he raved even as the Bastille was razed.

SHOT THEM BOTH.

One of the Most Touching Tragedies of the Santa Fe Trail.

One of the most touching of the many tragedies of the old Santa Fe trail occurred at Newton, Kan., in early days and the chief actor was an old man dwarfish in stature and deformed, who kept a saloon and gambling house. He had a wonderfully intelligent face and quick, shrewd eyes, and had only two apparent objects in life. One was to accumulate money, for he was a perfect miser, and a handy man at all games of cards, and the other was a watchful and tender solicitude for the welfare of his daughter, the only being for whom he ever showed any respect or affection. She was a beautiful girl, bright and intelligent, and apparently she loved the crooked old miser.

The story went that she was his only child, and that he had come West to make a fortune in order that when she grew to womanhood she might live like a lady in the States.

The girl was about seventeen, and was so carefully guarded that she was disinterested, and used to have flirtations with cowboys and other hangers-on at the camp, which would have ended in murder had the old man discovered them. While he was at the card table she was chattering at the rear of her tent with one of her many lovers. And one night she eloped.

The old man used to gamble all night and sleep all day, and when he awoke one afternoon from his slumbers he detected her absence. A cowboy named "Bunny" was also missing, and the old man, by making inquiries, discovered that they had been seen together during the previous evening. He crawled through the town like a wildcat, and, borrowing a horse, buckled his revolver belt around him and started across the prairie toward the ranch where "Bunny" was employed.

The next day he returned to Newton, but sold out his traps and disappeared forever.

Two days later travelers along the road reported that they had found in an abandoned mud hut near the river two corpses, those of a beautiful girl and a stalwart young man. They were on their knees, their right hands were clasped, and a prayer book, covered with blood, lay on the floor beside them. The old man had discovered the betrayal of his daughter by "Bunny," had married them himself and then shot them both through the heart.

Mounted policeman Matt Paulds of Highbridge Station, New York, was thrown from his horse and instantly killed.

Most of the Fears That Beset Fair Maids and Matrons.

The cause that implants the spirit of fear in the bosom of the gentle sex is a subject that may well puzzle the most devout student of human nature. The mouse is considered one of the harmless of creatures, and yet it has been responsible for more cases of hysteria than any animal many times its size.

One woman, who all her life has searched beneath her bed before retiring, at one time found herself in possession of a folding monstrance, the intricacies of which she had first to solve before taking her well-earned rest. But such is the force of habit. After pulling down the bed she would carefully look beneath it, for no other reason than that she had done so ever since she was a child.

A favorite illusion is that of having one's legs seized, either from behind in going upstairs or on getting into bed. Women have been seen scuttling upstairs in the dark setting at defiance all the laws of locomotion in a ludicrous attempt to keep their legs some distance ahead of them and beyond the reach of a mysterious clutch. Girls will also make flying leaps into bed to eliminate the same improbability.

Many women search diligently in closets, bureau drawers and all sorts of impossible places before resigning themselves to sleep. An old house-keeper whose table silver, in two baskets, was always placed in her bedroom after the evening meal, was one night awakened by what she considered suspicious sounds from the lower regions. Cautiously leaving her room laden with the silver, she pitched both baskets into the hall below, calling out as she did so, "Take it all and please go," then fled precipitately and barricaded herself in her room. Needless to add, she found both baskets and scattered contents the following morning, a little the worse for the rough handling she had given them.

WORKERS AMONG COTTONSEED.

New Machine Which is Designed to Monopolize Their Business.

An always interesting sight to New Orleans visitors has been the large gangs of darkies unloading cotton seed from the barges at the oil mills, piling the sacks of seed on the heavy trucks and trundling them down the wharf into the mill, singing lustily the while. The picturesque side of the old-time method of unloading seed by no means appeals to the owners of the mills, however. Such labor is very expensive, and sometimes impossible to obtain. Connection in the manufacture of cottonseed products is very keen, and unnecessary handling of the raw material must be done away with wherever practicable. The big grain elevators, built right up to the deep water, have long ago solved the problem, but with the oil mills at Gretna, built back of the levee, with their wharves stretching a considerable distance into the river and with these wharves sinking and twisting all the time from the action of the current and the treacherous river bed, the question how to unload their barge and carry the seed back into the mills at a low cost has been until now a very difficult one to answer.

The Union Mill Company has recently installed at its large Crescent mill at Gretna a plant for rapidly and economically unloading seed from barges, which seems to meet all the conditions. The main part of the system is a belt conveyor, running on trestle work along the wharf, and thence under the roof of the mill. Along this conveyor the seed is carried from the end of the wharf, 250 feet to a point in the mill, where it is weighed and either stored or distributed direct to the crushers. From the time it is taken from the barges until it leaves the mill as a finished product the seed is not touched by hand.

The present capacity of the plant is about 4,700 bushels (seventy tons) of cottonseed per hour, but this can be largely increased. It is estimated that the construction will pay for itself in wages saved in less than two seasons.

Saved From Prison by His Ears.

"I don't often see a thief or a bad man with big ears," said Judge Wofford from the bench in commenting on the physiognomy of Gilbert Closser, a 15-year-old boy, charged with assaulting Frederick E. Moses. "I like to see a boy with big ears." The boy scarcely knew whether the Judge was sarcastic or sincere, and he fumbled his cap bashfully while his ears turned red.

The spectators tittered, but Judge Wofford continued sternly: "I am inclined to give you a chance, my boy, on the strength of your big mouth and generous ears. You've got a good face. A man with little ears, like a fox's or a squirrel's, won't always do. They need watching." After warning Closser never to carry knives or revolvers, Judge Wofford sentenced the boy to the reform school and then paroled him, with instructions to report to the court January 1.—Kansas City Journal.

A Youthful Effusion.

Senator Thurston, who has taken good-naturedly the newspaper chaffing about his poem, "The White Rose," decidedly objects to the unauthorized announcement that it was written by his fiancée, Miss Purnam. He says it was a youthful effusion written 30 or more years ago and he solemnly affirms that he discarded the poetical role more than a quarter of a century since.

A Dog Shed.

Idea—Maud Beulah is going out to cut all the fur trimming from her skirt.

May—Is it moth-eaten?

Idea—No, indeed! But her French poodle shed all his fur and Maud says she'll have to get rid of hers to harmonize the effect when he trots by her side.—Chicago News.

A Queer Place for the Bird.

The eagle which originally decorated the stern of the famous schooner yacht America—which first won what is now known as the America Cup—is now the sign of the Royal Eagle Hotel at Rye, Isle of Wight, overlooking the scene of the vessel's triumph over her English competitors in 1851.—Tit Bits.

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SALE AND LIVERY BUSINESS

THE HERALD.

FRIDAY, DEC. 22, 1899.

CITY BRIEFS.

It looks like a green Christmas. Good apples are selling at 50 cents the peck. The local photographers are rushed with work.

Next week will wind up the existence of the old year.

Not very agreeable weather for the holiday traders.

The rain today did not frighten the shoppers to any extent.

Coal trains over the Manchester branch are heavily loaded.

There were seven lodgers at the police station on Thursday night.

There is an ample supply of holly and other green wreaths in the city.

A Hot Old Time at Music hall tonight, with the Rays heading a star cast.

There is still quite a gang of men at work on the fortifications at Gerrish island.

Conner, photographer studio, (formerly Nickerson's), No. 1 Congress street.

Everybody seems to be going to the Globe Grocery Co. Meat Department to see that Farm yard Christmas scene. Elias A. McQuaid of Manchester has returned to the staff of the Manchester Union.

The Knights of Columbus worked the first degree at their session, Thursday evening.

The sale of Laurel and Holly will be at the Globe Grocery Co. on Friday and Saturday.

The "S. G." Londres is made of the choicest stock and is the best ten cent cigar in the market.

The Salvation Army will be glad to receive donations of food, clothing or money for Christmas distribution.

Rubber heels become very popular and John G. Mott is fitting out the local public with an excellent article.

The Cuckoo is one of the strongest attractions that Portsmouth playgoers will be privileged to see this season.

The special sale at the Globe Grocery Co. on Saturday only will be 350 lbs. Fore quarters Spring Lamb at 6 cents.

A grand opportunity to secure something useful for Christmas at half the regular price is offered by the Globe Grocery Co. They have secured a line of collarettes and neckwear such as were never before offered in this city, and owing to the warm weather, they will be sold at less than half price. The lot comprises mink, marten, sable, electric seal, krimmer, blue fox, as well as all the cheaper furs.

YEE LEE BOWLS A FEW.

Exciting games at candle pins were the order at the Portsmouth bowling alleys, on Friday evening, and a large crowd watched them. Yee Lee, the State street laundry man, was the chief star of the occasion. In the first place, he went up against James Bamford in a three-string contest. It resulted as follows: Yee Lee sixty-eight, fifty-eight, sixty; Bamford, eighty-seven, fifty-eight, seventy-four. Thus the Celestial was trimmed by a total of 239 to 186. Here a new feature arose. "Prof." Mike O'Connor, who had been acting as referee, announced that the bowler from Li Hung Chang's kingdom was no good and the latter promptly spruced up and offered to go Mike a game. The two bowled, and Yee Lee had the satisfaction of winning by a score of sixty-nine to sixty-five. It may be added that the Chinaman had jaded with the balls only two or three times before and was accounted rather an easy thing. It is expected that another match will follow in which shaves will be staked against shirts.

SPECIAL SERVICES TONIGHT.

The last of the series of special services will be held in the Pearl street church this evening. The meetings have been of deep interest throughout. The sermons have been strongly spiritual and scriptural and the hearty cooperation of the church with the pastor and Rev. Messrs. Gilkey and Hall, who have assisted, has been very encouraging. Surely such labor is not in vain, and the work in the church for the coming winter must feel the impetus given by these meetings.

WORKING NIGHT AND DAY.

The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Every pill is a sugar-coated globe of health, that changes weak ness into strength, listlessness into energy, brain-fag into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25c. per box. Sold by Globe Grocery Co.

A lazy liver makes a lazy man. Bar-dock Blood Bitters is the natural, never failing remedy for a lazy liver.

DANCED AT THE YARD.

Enjoyable Affair Given At the Marine Barracks.

A very pleasant dancing party was given at the marine barracks at the navy yard, Thursday evening, at which a number of young people from this city were in attendance. The affair was arranged by half a dozen members of the corps, under the management of Sergeant Cassidy.

Gerald B. Whitman of Conservatory orchestra furnished music for the dance very acceptably.

At intermission a fine lunch was served, which added much to the evening's pleasure. Sergeant Daley greatly pleased the party with an excellent clog dance, while Private Hauraty rendered several solos to the delight of all. Private John Donnelly was in charge of the floor and was ably assisted by Sergeants Cassidy and Jakocks and Corporal Jansson. The prize cake walk was won by Sergeant Hill and Miss Nettie Colley.

The boys of the marine corps proved themselves great entertainers and at the close of the evening's festivities sent the young ladies to their homes in this city in a barge.

The following from here were present:

Mrs. M. Cassidy, Mrs. C. Roy, Mrs. B. Doyle, Mrs. M. Colson, Misses N. Madison, L. Kelley, M. Higgins, M. Regan, C. McDonald, A. McDonald, N. Colley, K. Ray, H. Sawyer, F. Grace.

AROUND THE CITY.

Much is still being said in regard to the advisability of the government purchasing the Isles of Shoals and establishing thereon a powerful defense for Portsmouth harbor. As the Shoals are but nine miles out and directly opposite the mouth of the harbor the idea is not all visionary. All vessels passing into port would be in easy range of a fort there. Whether the government will provide such a defense, or not, is not known.

The Christmas turkeys have arrived in a bunch. The uncertain condition of the weather made it very risky to overstock in this line and most of the merchants waited until Wednesday before they sent their orders to the wholesalers. The very unseasonable temperature has simply slaughtered the prices, for no one would dare to have any of the birds left over while the thermometer remains at such high figures.

Shoe dealers in this city, and in fact, in nearly all sections of New England are getting a little anxious for snow. The weather up to the present writing has been magnificent, but magnificent weather to the public and to the shoe dealer has a different meaning. A good snowstorm would be considered as magnificent weather by the shoe dealers.

The past year in this city has been a period remarkably free from such horrible accidents as have marred the history of recent years. Fatal happenings on the railroad tracks, along the water front and in the harbor and at the work shops and yards were formerly more frequently reported than they have been during the past year.

Evergreen and holly are in demand, and those who have the leisure are making excursions to the woods in the vicinity to procure the means for sea-sonable home decoration. In addition the stocks shown by the local dealers are being drawn upon to add to the holiday embellishments. Portsmouth is not unmindful of old genial customs.

When the old British Turret Age left the north end coal pockets today it was "dead" low tide, but in spite of this fact, after the big craft turned in the stream her propeller was worked at full speed and as she went through the narrows there was a huge wake of swell and foam following this 330 feet of floating steel. The pilot on board was Mr. John Hall of Newcastle and he was evidently showing the Englishmen what kind of a harbor this is.

Only one day more of the holiday shopping and then the rush will be over for another twelve months. It is several years since there has been such a booming trade, for which the continued fine weather should receive due praise from dealer and buyer alike. It would be singular if the Christmas season of '99 was not a blooming success all round.

This is the season of the year when the book lover delights to wander about the book stores in search of the latest work of his favorite author, or else to discover some new edition of one of his old favorites. At Christmas time a book makes a very appropriate gift, and the book stores have been crowded this week with holiday purchasers. The Christmas numbers of the magazines are especially attractive this year, with their special illustrations and stories bearing on the holiday.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Alice Hayes of Dover is passing a few days in town.

Capt. Horace Seaward is visiting his home in Kittery Point.

Arthur Gardner has entered the insurance office of W. E. Peirce & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. George Terry left for Boston Thursday afternoon on their honeymoon.

B. F. Webster of the law school of Boston university is home for the holiday vacation.

Fred Grover has arrived home from New Hampshire college to pass the holiday vacation.

Arthur W. Walker left on Thursday for Ohio, to join his family for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Guy Corey of the Boston University law school has arrived home to pass the Christmas recess.

Mrs. Stevens, who is sick with diphtheria at her home on State street, is improving very rapidly.

George W. Collis of the Boston University law school is passing the holiday vacation at his home.

Mrs. G. B. Wallace and daughter, Rita, are visiting Mrs. Caroline Hussey on Main street, Rochester.

Mr. Lincoln Coleman is suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism, although able to attend to his work.

George W. Armstrong, general manager of the Armstrong Transfer company, of Boston, was in town Thursday.

Mrs. L. W. Adams has gone to Melrose, Mass., where she will pass the remainder of the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Chauncey.

M. M. Collis of this city was in Concord Thursday attending a special meeting of the board of directors of the New Hampshire Soldiers' home.

The Rev. F. Eugene M. O'Callaghan was in Nashua on Thursday in attendance at the dedication of the Convent of the Sisters of Mercy in that city.

Dr. Lemuel Pope, Jr., has leased the Stavers house on State street, and will move his family in at once. His father will reside with him this winter.

Col. and Mrs. A. F. Howard were in Northampton, Mass., Thursday, attending the wedding of their son, Arthur F. Howard, and Miss Anne Fletcher.

Misses Margaret Berry and Florence Hill have arrived home from their studies at the St. John school in New York, to pass their Christmas vacation.

Miss Martha Kimball entertained the members of her Sunday school class at dinner on Thursday at the home of her father, E. P. Kimball, Esq., Union street.

Lightkeeper William Williams and Mrs. Williams, who were called from Boon island by the death of his mother at Kittery Point, will return to the island on Sunday if the weather is favorable.

Mrs. Thomas J. F. Varrell, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Pauline, arrived home from Old Orchard, Me., on Wednesday, the 20th inst. Miss Pauline returned to Old Orchard on Thursday.

Inspecting Officer Osmond B. Warren of Rochester, formerly of this city, assistant adjutant general of the New Hampshire department of the G. A. R., visited Strafford Bow Lake yesterday for the annual inspection of Lyman Locke post.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stringer went to Norwood, Mass., Friday afternoon where they will pass the remainder of the winter at the home of their son. Mrs. Stringer is in poor health and her many friends hope that the change will be of benefit to her.

Among those present at the meeting of the Piscataqua Congregational club in Exeter, yesterday were the following: The Rev. Lucius H. Thayer, Mrs. Laura C. Matthews, Mrs. Mark Kimball, Miss Mary E. Myers, Dr. Joseph Boylston, Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Kimball.

RAILROAD NEWS.

Nearly all the freight trains passing through the city east are late considerably lately owing to the yards at Boston being crowded with freight cars and switching engines cannot make up the regular trains on starting time. The crowds on the shifters are working night and day and Sundays, in order to make a hole in the large amount of cars on hand containing house and bulk freight, but the cars seem to come in as fast as they are taken away.

One of the work trains which has been working on the new double track at Seabrook, has been taken away and is now working between Salem and Dover.

A blast a few days ago by the contractors at the ledge at State Line was made and the whole side of the ledge lifted and thrown out on the main line track. The tracks are properly protected from these blasts and the rock and dirt is removed almost instantly by steam derricks and a large crew of men.

THEATRICAL HAPPENINGS.

A HOT OLD TIME TONIGHT.

A Hot Old Time, which will entertain the playgoers who go to Music hall tonight, comes heralded as a very clever production, presenting very clever people. It has been giving satisfaction everywhere this season, as would naturally be the case when it is considered that the cast is headed by the Rays, those bright exponents of comedy. The play is gotten up to amuse and it does so in a wholesome way. There is plenty of good singing and everything about the performance is spirited.

THE CUCKOO.

The new comedy farce, The Cuckoo, which will be presented for the first time in this city at Music hall, next Wednesday night, is an adaptation from the French by Charles Brookfield. It was in vogue in Paris where the run extended over two years, and its original success was duplicated when transplanted to London, where it continued for an entire season after its production had met with considerable opposition on the part of the censor of plays. It met with an equal degree of favor when produced by Charles Frohman at Wallack's theatre last spring, where it was put on towards the end of the season and continued to large audiences for over two months. Since then it has found similar favor in Brooklyn, Boston, Philadelphia and other cities. The original company, an exceptionally strong one, will be seen in this city. It includes Joseph Holland, Amelia Bingham, Charles Bowser, Eleanor Moretti, Clayton Whyte, Frank Lea Short, Carl St. Aubyn, David McCartney, Harry Lewis, Joseph A. Weber, H. S. Lewis, Fulton Russell, Augusta Glose, Nora Dunblane, Annie Wood.

WONDERFUL SUCCESS OF SAG HARBOR.

The wonderful success of James A. Herne's new play—Sag Harbor—booms along at the Park theatre, Boston. The great play is now in its ninth week and, despite the big deflection of the public interest over the subject of Christmas purchases, the Park is crowded to the doors nightly with enthusiastic applauders of this, Herne's latest and most exquisite play. Sag Harbor has achieved the greatest financial success of any single attraction in the history of the Park theatre.

Some notion of Mr. Herne's popularity and the familiarity of almost every class with his personality, is evidenced in the fact which was given out in a special story by the Boston Herald last Thursday, which cited the instance of a correspondent sending his letter to Mr. Herne with nothing on it for address but a picture of the famous star. It came as straight as an arrow and without any interruptions to its destination.

There will be a special holiday matinee on Christmas day and on Christmas night the seventy-fifth consecutive performance of Sag Harbor in Boston will occur.

The Twentieth Century performance to be given on the night of January 1st, 1900, will be a unique affair. The management intend to present to the patrons of the play in this evening a handsome memento symbolizing the exit of the old and the entrance of the new century.

THEATRICAL NOTES.

Viola Allen finished the last but one of her six weeks' engagement at the Walnut street theatre last Saturday. This Liebler & Co.'s star in "The Christian" has done the most phenomenal business in actual receipts ever accomplished in the city of Philadelphia. The play, as well as the star, has won a continuous ovation for over five weeks.

Following Madame Modjeska, James O'Neill will produce the magnificent Liebler & Co's production of Sydney Grundy's The Musketeers. Mr. O'Neill has had extraordinary success thus far this season and the advance sales have already commenced at the Boston theatre. The celebrated dramatic actor will also give a few performances of Monte Cristo during this engagement.

Sarah Cowell LeMay, Liebler & Co.'s new star, is to commence her stellar experience at the National theatre in Washington on January 15th. She will appear in Mrs. H. C. Demille's new play, The Greatest Thing in the World. From Washington, Mrs. LeMay goes to Baltimore, and from there to New York for a long run.

The Globe Grocery Co. have secured an extraordinary line of Fur Collarettes and Neckwear, and will sell it for about half price from now till Christmas. Just the thing for Christmas presents. The warm weather is your friend this time, for if the season had been an ordinary one these goods could not have been bought for double the money. Prices from \$1.00 to \$25.00. Come in and see them anyhow.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

City of Portsmouth council, Knights of Columbus, No. 140, met on Thursday evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Grand Knight, George S. Kirvan;
Deputy Grand Knight, W. H. Lyons,
M. D.;

Chancellor, William McEroy;
Warden, James T. Whitman;
Treasurer, Daniel Casey;
Financial Secretary, J. E. Meegan;
Recording Secretary, V. J. Murphy;
Inside Guard, Charles Lamonde;
Outside Guard, John Morrissey;
Advocate, Robert Capstick;
Lecturer, E. A. Kirvan;
Trustees, E. J. Sullivan, W. J. Kelly and William Ballard.

The installation will take place on Jan 4th.

DIED.

MORRILL. In this city, Dec. 22, at the residence of his son, Rev. Charles A. Morrill, No. 16 Highland street, Josiah Bartlett Morrill, aged 83 years and 6 months.

On Saturday after 3 o'clock 300 Christmas presents are to be given to that number of customers who make a purchase of over 25 cents worth, at the Meat Department of the Globe Grocery Co.



A PLEASANT SURPRISE FOR XMAS.

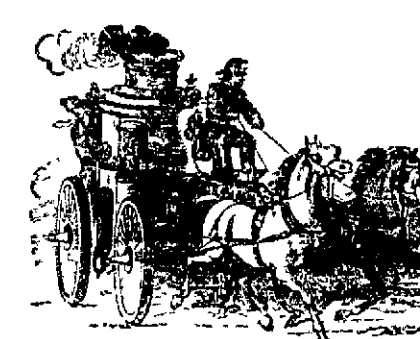
It will be for the family when the rooms have been all newly decorated and made attractive and costly by artistic and handsome wall papers. We have a most artistic stock of fine wall papers, Lincrusta, Waltons, fringes, ceiling decorations and tile effects for both rooms that will make your home a paradise at small cost.

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—ELIOT, MS., August 1899.

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